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In the Specification

Please add to page 20, after line 20:

— Figure 17 is a schematic drawing showing first and second security systems with the portable container, spoiling means and control means.--

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— Figure 17 shows is a schematic representation of an embodiment of the invention which includes a first security system 400 holding a portable container 402. The first security system includes a locking means 406 to retain the portable container 402 and a spoiling means 404 to spoil the contents of the portable container if the container or system is tampered with. Control means 408 within the first security system, which controls the operation of both the locking means 406 and the spoiling means 404, includes a local memory 414, a power supply 416 and one or more sensors 418 to detect inappropriate movements of the container or attempts to defeat the security system. Examples of the sensors 418 include an accelerometer, compass, inertial guidance system or temperature sensor. The temperature sensor would have the capability to detect extreme heat, such as from a hot torch, or extreme cold, which might be used to interfere with operation of the security system elements. Also shown is a second security system 412 designed to receive the portable container 402 from the first security system and communication means 410 for exchanging data between the two security systems to validate that the second security systems has control of the container before the first system relinquishes control.--

In the Figures

Please add new Fig. 17.

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